

**Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force
Minutes**

Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2013 at 2:30pm

**Connecticut Department of Public Health
OCHA Hearing Room, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford**

Task Force Committee Members Present:

Charles Babson, Caroline Baisley, Raphael Barishansky, Joseph Danao, Paul Fitzgerald, Matthew Galligan, Mary- Ellen Harper, Vincent Landisio, David Lowell, Carl Schiessl, Charlee Tufts, and Tom Ronalter. Seth Roberts participated via teleconference.

Guests in Attendance:

James Brown, Randy Collins, Karen Daley, Wendy Furniss, Josh Hughes, Richard Kamin, Jill Kentfield, Elizabeth Keyes, Ken Przybysz, Judith Reynolds

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30PM by Co-Chair Barishansky.

A. Introduction/Roll Call of Members

The Task Force members introduced themselves and their affiliations. Co-Chair Barishansky announced that Charles Babcock had been appointed by the DPH Commissioner to fill the seat vacated by Fred Dellavalle.

B. Introduction of Audience

The members of the audience introduced themselves and their affiliations.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

A Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 04, 2013 meeting, (Lowell/Galligan), Motion passed with one member abstaining (Baisley).

D. Public Comment

Co-Chair Barishansky opened the floor for public comment, there was none.

2.0 Old Business

A. Task Force Topic Review

Co-Chair Harper commented the document will be ongoing and updated regularly.

B. Two-Tier Proposal (Harper)

Co-Chair Harper took the proposal off the table.

C. Performance Metrics : The Task Force reviewed the following performance metrics documents and discussed incorporating various facets into its final report.

1. 50 EMS System Benchmarks
2. Evidence Based Performance Measures for EMS Systems
3. EMS Performance Measures (NHTSA)
4. Report of EMS Field Experiments
5. EMS Evidence Based System Design White Paper for EMSA
6. NCEEP Standards

D. DPH Proposed Regulations

Co-Chair Harper presented a document for discussion referencing Sec. 19a-181c Removal of responder. This will be resubmitted during the next meeting as a regulation proposal rather than a statute proposal.

The Task Force discussed the merits of the 5 year PSA Review, the EMS Plan, and the sale of PSAs as property of an EMS Agency. Specific language proposals will be discussed during the next meeting.

E. Task Force SWOT

The distributed SWOT document will remain on the agenda and open.

3.0 New Business

4.0 Adjournment

Landisio asked if OEMS knows which providers have contracts with their municipalities. Co-Chair Barishansky was asked if the regional coordinators could assess their communities EMS Plans and contracts status.

The next meetings will be on November 25th, December 9th and December 23rd.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 3:51PM by (Lowell/Schiessl), approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

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